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BY EMAIL

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Attn: WA 83 Administrative Hearings Division

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RE: In the Matter of Sunriver Water LLC – Expanded Service Territory Application
(WA 83) Submission For Public Comment Hearing On August 4, 2021

Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed for inclusion in the record of the public comment hearing to be held on August 4, 2021 in the matter of Sunriver Water LLC – Expanded Service Territory Application (WA 83) is a letter to the Sunriver Scene editor from me.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Gamble

Letter to Sunriver Scene 03 August 2021

Thank you to Tom O'Shea for his clarification of the assigning of Well #4 and Well #12 from Sunriver Water LLC (SWC) to Sunriver Resort LP (SRLP) when SRLP sold the water and sewage utilities to Northwest Natural Water Company, LLC in 2019.

Mr. O'Shea states "these wells were retained by Sunriver Resort to eliminate the ongoing costs and liabilities of owning those sites by SWC." (<https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAC/wa83hac11349.pdf>)

Well #12 was then and is now used to irrigate the Crosswater and Caldera Golf Courses at Sunriver Resort. "Sunriver (SWC) provides water service to two golf courses, Crosswater and Caldera Springs." "Sunriver Water removed Well No. 12 as a water source from the main system and solely dedicated it for non-potable usage for the GC (Golf Courses) due to its undesirable green tint." "Sunriver (SWC) reported GC (Golf Courses) test year (2015) revenues of \$172,673..." (Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff, Exhibit 200 Testimony in Support of the Stipulation (Ref. Case UW 160) Witness Laurel Anderson, pages 28-30 <https://weblink.deschutes.org/cdd/DocView.aspx?id=621137&cr=1>, see also Direct Testimony of Thomas O'Shea, Managing Director of Sunriver Resort and Senior Vice President of Sunriver Resort Limited Partnership (SRLP) before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (PUC) in January 2019, Page 6 lines 3-4 and 12-14 <https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HTB/up384htb143833.pdf>).

So, SRLP appears to have also eliminated the hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue that Well #12 generated and would have generated if SWC had retained Well #12. What benefit was it to Sunriver Water customers to give Well #12 to SRLP?